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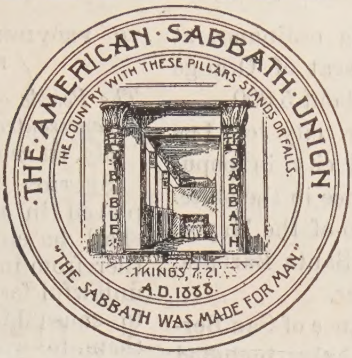

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BUREAU OF SUNDAY REFORM.

All organizations and citizens' committees within the great area of this district, who are working for Sunday Reform, are invited to correspond with us.

THE NUMBER OF PAGES

Of this monthly will not be the same each issue; but during the year the subscribers will get over 350 pages of choice religious matter, the specialty being the Sunday question. This estimate of pages does not include advertisements. The essays, articles and items are to cover each year every phase of this great question and other important subjects and will make a valuable little volume for preservation in any thinking man's library.

LEAFLETS ON SUNDAY REFORM

Are constantly kept in stock at this office and may be ordered by mail. They are in various sizes: 2 pages, 4 pages, 8 pages and 16 pages. They are sent *post-paid*, in small quantities, at one-half a cent a page and we sell even as small an amount as *ten cents worth*.

A FEW CHOICE ADVERTISEMENTS

Will be admitted occasionally. But these pages are not open to advertisers generally. This monthly goes to every important town in the States and Territories of this district and to the most intelligent homes of the great West. It is therefore a first-class advertising medium. We have no advertising agents so that all the profits of the advertisement go directly to our good cause.

All correspondence should be addressed

Secretary of AMERICAN SABBATH UNION,
South Los Angeles, California.

VICTORIES OF SUNDAY REFORM IN CALIFORNIA.

1. Sunday closing ordinance at Santa Ana, county seat of Orange county and city of about 5,000.

2. Ordinance for city of Los Angeles—the second city in population and importance in the state. Passed over the veto of the Mayor.

3. Ordinance of Santa Barbara, city of 5,000 and over.

4. County ordinance of San Bernardino county which then included the large towns of San Bernardino, Riverside, Colton, Redlands and Ontario.

5. Snnday closing ordinance of Los Angeles county.

6. Ordinance of Lake county.

7. Ordinance of San Benito county.

8. Ordinance passed by the enterprising, beautiful and ambitious city of San Jose.

10. Closing of all business houses of Bakersfield, city of 5,000, and county seat of Kern county, by mutual contract of business men.

11. The State Citrus Fair and annual exposition of the Mechanics' Institute, which occurred in San Francisco, from January 10th to February 18th, inclusive, and which was the greatest horticultural and industrial display ever seen in California, including nearly all the California State display from various counties, en route to Chicago for the Worlds exposition, exhibited Sunday closing. Great effort was made to open the doors of the pavilion on Sunday. But it was completely closed all the five Sundays.

12. Passage of the "Rest Day bill" by the California legislature.

Other victories must come as public sentiment rises.

REST DAY LAW OF CALIFORNIA.

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR A DAY OF REST FROM LABOR.

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Every person employed in any occupation of labor shall be entitled to one day's rest therefrom in seven; and it shall be unlawful for any employer of labor to cause his employees, or any of them, to work more than six days in seven. Provided however that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any case of emergency.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act, the term day's rest shall mean and apply to all cases. whether the employee is engaged by the day, week, month or year; and whether the work performed is done in the day or night time.

SEC. 3. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage.

Let all laborers in every avenue of toil demand their rights under this law.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

READ CAREFULLY THE NEW RULES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We want this to be clear.

1. The great object *this year* is to *circulate* literature. We want to get it into every home of America, and thus help to build up public sentiment.

2. The subscribers are expected to go to the Treasurer or Local Representative and pay promptly each month. The Treasurer can not take time to leave his business and call upon each of you. He gets nothing for his help.

3. When the Treasurer makes his report to this office there will be issued and circulated three pages of literature for every cent reported.

4. This will be sent, *unless otherwise ordered*, to the Committee on Literature in the town or county from which the money comes.

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6. The literature is issued about the first of each month from that in stock at the time.

7. Will you not help to push the battle by paying up v ry promptly on your little contract.

8. The most of you very kindly signed a card agreeing to pay a certain small sum, "each month," "for one year from date."

8. These cards are held by our Treasury and estimated among our assets.

10. When your subscription is paid in full, your card properly canceled will be returned to you, *if you so request*, otherwise it will be destroyed by our Treasurer.

11. To carry forward our work in your Slate, we *need* the sums promised and are embarrassed in the work when they do not come in regularly.

12. If you do not know the name or address of your local representative or treasurer, simply drop a postal card to our office stating where and when you made your subscription, and we will tell you who the person is. We are always glad to hear from the friends of this cause on any matter they may wish to communicate.

13. If you do not get the literature you ordered, or for any other reason wish to make requests, write to Dr. Edward Thomson, Secretary, South Los Angeles.

When the Amount of Subscription is Small

the best way for both treasurer and subscribers will be to pay all at one time. The faster the money is paid in the more rapidly can we push our work for this important year. *Help*, dear subscribers, and pay all you can possibly spare *this* month. The more rapidly we get our literature out and get all the people to thinking the sooner shall victory come.

ONCE A QUARTER.

During the year Pastors should hold a special Sunday reform service in each church or preaching place. And

ONCE A QUARTER

the Committee on Literature should circulate systematically all extra copies placed in their hands.

Let us all be *faithful* to keep the matter of Sunday reform prominent.

On application *suggestions* will be given cheerfully to pastors or committees as to the most effective way to do this work.

OUR JUNE QUARTERLY

Will not appear till the close of this month, and will reach subscribers early in July. It will be a fine number and largely illustrated.

100 pages and 30 cents a copy.

Under the new rules it will be sent *on request* as other literature, and apply on your subscription. Get in your orders early, either through your local representative or by sending directly to this office.

Notice to Treasurers.

All who did not send a report to this office the last Monday of May, according to new rules, will please send report the last Monday of June. Then no further report will be necessary till the regular time in August.

GREAT THINKERS ON THE SABBATH.

Daniel Webster: "The Sabbath is the bulwark of our liberty, because it is the bulwark of morality."

Macaulay the Historian: "If Sunday had not been observed as a day of rest during the last three centuries, I have not the slightest doubt that we should have been at this moment a poorer and less civilized people than we are."

Adam Smith, the great political economist; "The Sabbath as a political institution is of inestimable value, independently of its claim to divine authority."

Blackstone, the great jurist: "A corruption of morals usually follows the profanation of the Sabbath."

Ex Attorney General Bates: "If the Sunday laws be neglected and despised the laws of person and of property will soon share their fate and be equally disregarded."

Judge McLean, who for many years adorned the Supreme Court of the United States: "Where there is no Christian Sabbath there is no Christian morality and without this free institutions cannot long be sustained."

Benjamin Franklin: "What are laws without morals."

Mirabeau: "God is as necessary as liberty, to the French people."

De Tocqueville: "Depotism may govern without faith but liberty cannot * * * France must have your Sabbath or she is ruined."

Earl Russell: "There is no necessity in the nature of things that nations should die. History points to no people which, while strong in faith, in reverence, in truthfulness, in chastity, in frugality, in the virtu s of the temple and the hearth has sunk in atrophy and decline

"We may decide therefore that so long as moral energy fails not the life of the nation will not fail."

Prof. Goldwin Smith: "Without religious sanctions men have never been able to live under a government of law."

Geo. Bancroft, our greatest historian: "Certainly our great united common-wealth is the child of Christianity; it may with equal truth be asserted that modern civilization sprang into life with our religion; and faith in its principles is the life boat on which humanity has at divers times escaped the most threatening perils."

Hallam: "A holiday Sunday is the ally of despotism."

Dr. Bauer, court preacher at Berlin; at a recent gathering of Lutherans in that city said: "Martin Luther declared the doctrine of justification by faith to be the doctrine of a standing or falling church. I cannot regard the santification of the Sabbath as any less a ground pillar of the church or of our whole social life."

Judge Noah Davis: "There can be no liberty without law; there can be no personal liberty except in obedience to law."

"Sunday," says Ralph Waldo Emerson, "is the core of our civilization, dedicated to thought and reverence. It invites to the noblest solitude, the best society, the loftiest knowledge of truth and duty."

Let us get the opinion of two eloquent Congressmen of to-day.

Senator Reagan of Texas: "You may search the English charter and whatever there is in the Constitution of the United States concerning the rights of man, and all the bills of rights of the several States, and you will not find a single sentence in which there is any protection for that which is injurious to the interests of society."

The brilliant John Randolph Tucker of Virginia says: "Break down the fence of Christianity and liberty, and law, and civilization will perish with it. I wish to testify my belief that the institutional custom of our fathers in remembering the Sabbath day to keep it holy as the conservator of their Christian religion, is the foundation of our political system, and the only hope of American freedom, progress and glory."

Let all ponder these golden thoughts of the good and great.

OUR HELP,

In Sunday reform campaigns may be called for at any time within this large district. Our counsel is worth something because it is based on experience not on theory. But when people do not follow our advice to stick to *one thing*, but lug in all sorts of reform they invariably accomplish nothing, and often worse than nothing, for they discourage the Sunday cause and dishearten its friends.

Stick to "Sunday closing" and victory will come all along the line.